

American League 1919 Figures
Of Suggestions To GriffithLOOKING 'EM OVER
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Ag had occasion recently to murmur certain harsh words against American League's official averages for 1919, it's interesting to the following from Ed Bang, sports editor of the Cleveland News: "I sort of have a hunch that the official averages of the American League are not all that they appear to be on the surface. In other words, they have come across half a dozen glaring errors to date, one of which is, if the figures which were sent out are supposed to be correct, a rank injustice to Steve O'Neill, the Indians' star catcher. O'Neill is rated at .955, which puts him down close to the bottom of the list. Taking the American League's official statistics at his own word, that is, crediting O'Neill with 472 put-outs and 125 assists and giving him 14 errors, Steve's average would be .977 instead of .955. That would rank him just behind Ray Schalk, the Chicago White Sox's shortstop, who is rated at .981. There's something radically wrong and we've wired for the real line of dope."

The American League method of providing averages is to be investigated by a committee headed by President Clark C. Griffith, of the Washington club, and so we gladly and gratis, ask through President Griffith how the American League's official statistics came to this result in his "official" figures for 1919: The Boston Red Sox are credited with THIRTY-TWO home runs during the past season, as is credited with TWENTY-NINE home runs. Steve McInnis is credited with ONE home run.

Harry Hooper is credited with THREE home runs. Can it possibly be that the American League's "official" statistics think Babe Ruth made THIRTY home runs, as he flashed over the country last September? It is probable that, were one in a rapturous mood, he might find many strange inconsistencies in the "official" averages for 1919. It isn't worth worrying about, though. If the president of the league thinks so little of the opinions of the followers of his league as to forget all about the wins and losses of the pitchers, he's probably satisfied with the present averages.

However, any ordinary schoolboy in the seventh grade could check up such wee and unimportant things as these two mentioned here. Maybe Clark Griffith will try to have this done before the inaccurate and incomplete averages go into the record books to be quoted far off in the future.

Ruth Has Few Backers.
Babe Ruth doesn't seem to have found many supporters in his effort

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Remember who broke the Griffins' great winning streak in 1912. And how?

Remember the first game Clark Griffith ever pitched in fast company?

Remember when John A. Heydler, president of the National League, made his first appearance as a major league umpire?

There you have some of the nice things in store for Washington fans when the newest baseball series begins in The Washington Times' sports pages. All fans, old and young, will rush to this series. They all know a good thing when they see it. It begins next Monday. Don't let it get away from you.

C. U. MAY MAKE BID
FOR S. A. I. A. MEET

President H. C. Byrd to Take
Up Matter of Indoor Track
Meet With Colleges.

Washington may see an indoor South Atlantic track meet this winter at Catholic University if the thirteen colleges in the division are sufficiently interested to ask for the affair here.

Up in New York recently Charles Moran, athletic director at C. U., questioned several South Atlantic college representatives as to the interest in the indoor meet.

It was reported that some action be taken on the proposition by President H. C. Byrd, who will write to the colleges asking their opinion of the idea.

That Catholic University can stage a big meet is without question. A straightaway of sixty yards with a ten lap track to the mile would be offered to the collegiate trackmen for their indoor meet.

Not in the history of South Atlantic athletics has an indoor meet ever been held with all events held on the same night. When Hopkins, Georgetown, and George Washington staged their meets each college was given three or four events.

In this way the meet was run off indoors in addition to the other events. Moran proposes to take over the entire meet and stage it at Catholic University if the colleges find the idea favorable.

It is expected that the Brooklanders will hold an intercollegiate meet if the authorities sanction one and the schools are sufficiently interested.

NAVY SHOWS IMPROVED
FORM IN COURT GAMES

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 2.—Navy basketball followers are quite enthusiastic over the showing made by the team in recent games. Billy Lush's lads have come forward rapidly since meeting Pennsylvania, and after holding Princeton to a 20-to-18 score, face the strong Stevens Institute team here tomorrow.

It is true that the Navy has yet to defeat a first-class team. Delaware, Pennsylvania and Princeton have won over the Navy lads, who appear to have improved their form on the court.

The shift of Bryerly and Burkholder to forwards and Greber to center appears to have speeded up the team to a considerable extent. Some apprehension is felt over tomorrow's game as Stevens played Delaware College to a 25-to-23 score, losing on the court at Delaware College. Delaware literally ran away with the Navy team.

CENTRAL LADS WIN.
Central's basketballers showed the alumni players a thing or two yesterday in the Mount Pleasant gymnasium, winning out by 2 to 24, when Wood and Lemon came through with baskets toward the close of the game. The alumni players, composed of Dudley, Cissell, Long, Foster and Daly, were not in good condition.

ANOTHER FOR MARTIN.
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 2.—Bob Martin, A. B. E. heavyweight champion, knocked out Jack MacFarland here in the fifth round of a scheduled ten-round bout. Martin had the better of his opponent all the way, landing telling blows practically from the start.

CROWDS SEE SPORTS.
Crowds of spectators and members were in attendance at the various sports at the Y. M. C. A. at the New Year open house yesterday. Basketball, water sports and indoor games, as well as class drills, featured in both the men's and boys' departments.

WILL SCOUT AGAIN.
LEBANON, Pa., Jan. 2.—Charlie Keelney, coach of the Lebanon Valley College athletic teams, announced that he will scout again next summer for the St. Louis Cardinals. Last year he managed the Reading club in the International League.

CALLED OFF GAME.
Loyola High School players, of Baltimore, called off their games with Washington teams during the Christmas holidays. The Baltimore lads have done little work on the floor during the recess.

WILL START MONDAY.
Track work will start in earnest in all of the schools and colleges of the District on Monday, when the holidays are over.

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GALLAUDET BASKETERS
TACKLE WAR RISK LADS

Kendall Green Players Take on Government Team for Holiday Practice.

Gallaudet College intends putting in a few weeks tomorrow night at Kendall Green in taking on the fast War Risk Insurance team. The Kendall Greens have been at work all of the holidays in preparation for the big games later on in the season.

In order to keep going Coach Jack Platts has scheduled the War Riskers, who are said to have a first-class team. Johnny Bleier, who has turned out several good football and basketball teams, is in charge of the War Riskers.

Just what the Government tossers will do against the crack Gallaudet players is a problem. It is expected that the collegians will run off with a one-sided score.

BROOKLANDERS TO OPEN
UP ON FLOOR MONDAY

Coach Fred Rice is expecting to put his Catholic University basketball players right at work Monday afternoon in preparation for two hard games next week.

The Brooklanders broke up on their trip last week in New York after meeting the Delaware College, St. John's, and Crescent A. C. teams in three games running.

The C. U. lads lost all three games, the last two St. John's going into two extra periods. Delaware is rated as one of the fastest teams in the country, and the Crescents have a stronger team this season than at any time during the past three years. No less a star than Andy Stannard, all-American forward of last year's Penn team, is with the Crescents.

Next Friday the Brooklanders face the Lafayette College quintet and on Saturday engage the George Washington University team at the Y. M. C. A.

CRACK CAMP HUMPHREY
TEAM WILL PLAY G. W. U.

Next Wednesday night the crack Camp Humphries basketball team, composed of former West Point stars and including Lieut. Eugene Vidal, will arrive here for a practice game with the George Washington University quintet at the Y. M. C. A.

It is expected that the game will be merely a practice affair. The Hatchettes will work out every other day from now until the regularly scheduled contests are on tap.

Coach Harry Almon expects to have his players in form for the meeting with the soldiers next Wednesday and will surely be primed for the session with the Catholic University five set for the Y. M. C. A. floor on the date of January 10.

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GYM IS HABITABLE.
The big gymnasium at Catholic University is now habitable. Steam has been put into the building, and the varsity team is expected to have no trouble from cold weather.

Brooklanders nearly froze in their first game of the season with Loyola College.

YANKEES WILL TACKLE
SILENT FIVE TONIGHT

The Y. M. C. A. Yankees, fresh from a 31 to 23 win over the Tech High team yesterday, will take on the silent five in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium tonight.

The Yankees pulled a game out of the fire yesterday, after trailing the Tech lads during the first half. Sam Solomon got going, and with Ray Catlin speeding up put the Yankees so far ahead that Tech failed to count but two baskets in the second half.

The Boys' Y. M. C. A. team will play the Epiphany Juniors in the second part of a double bill tonight between the halves of the Yankee-Silent Five contest. The first game starts at 7:30 o'clock.

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JOHNNY KILBANE EASY
WINNER FROM SHUBERT

Art Magerl Quits in Third Round of His Contest With Jeff Smith.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—Champion Johnny Kilbane had an easy time with Art Shubert of New Bedford, Mass., in their six-round tussle at the Olympia yesterday afternoon. Shubert fought hard all the way, but was outclassed by the Cleveland, Ohio, National A. A. Jeff Smith, on the eve of his departure for Europe, where he hopes to get a match with Georges Carpentier, defeated Art Magerl, of Oklahoma. Magerl quit in the third round, signaling to his seconds to throw in the sponge.

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